



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AIRMAN



DIGITAL EDITION



## GLOBAL TEAM

The Air Force Chaplain Corps ministry is global in its scope and relies on Religious Support Teams (RSTs) to support its mission. It may be at a stateside base, an improvised worship space in a combat zone, a peacekeeping operation or humanitarian mission. As the Religious Affairs (RA) Airman and RST enlisted member, you're right there serving alongside our chaplains.

You partner with chaplains in providing spiritual care and facilitating the free exercise of religion for Air Force and Space Force members, their families and other authorized personnel.. You also advise leaders at all levels on religious accommodation, ethical, moral and morale issues, especially for the enlisted force.

## SPIRITUAL FITNESS

Spiritual fitness can greatly affect an individual's resilience to perform mission critical duties. You play an important role in coordinating outreach resources and support for Airmen and their family members who may need religious support, crisis intervention, suicide prevention, stress management or other counseling services.



# DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

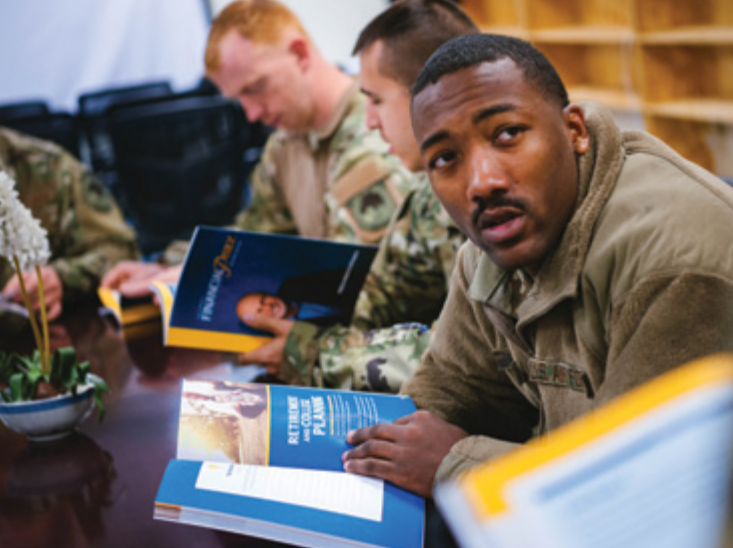
- Spiritual care and religious support
- Unit engagement
- Leadership advisement
- Confidential and privileged communication
- Crisis and trauma response
- Contingency operations
- Program management
- Education and training
- Skill and career progression

Your duties may include everything from preparing the necessary facilities and equipment for religious, memorial or funeral services to coordinating with chapel personnel and volunteers to facilitate a spiritual resiliency event for Airmen and their families.

In times of crisis, such as a combat or hostage situation or a downed aircraft, you may be called upon to accompany chaplains in providing spiritual care and support to those in need.







## QUALIFICATIONS

To be a Religious Affairs Airman, you must meet these qualifications:

- Have a high school diploma or GED with 15 college credits
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between ages 17 and 39
- Meet physical and legal requirements
- Complete an interview with senior Religious Affairs enlisted leaders for approval into the career field
- Complete Basic Military Training (BMT)

## TECHNICAL TRAINING

After BMT, you'll attend the Religious Affairs Apprentice Course, located at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

During the 27-day technical training course, you'll learn about your career field structure, duties and responsibilities as well as Military Rule of Evidence (MRE) 503 (Privileged Communication). MRE 503 is one of the most valuable benefits offered by the Chaplain Corps. It prevents the disclosure of confidential communication by chaplains and Religious Affairs Airmen.

# INSTRUCTION

While in technical school, you'll receive valuable instruction in these areas:

- Concepts of faith group tenets
- Religious sensitivity and accommodation
- Requirements for worship and religious observances
- Interpersonal and confidential communications
- Crisis response
- Spiritual care programs
- Unit engagement
- Chapel administration
- Personnel and facility management
- Chapel appropriated budgeting process
- Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund
- Chaplain Corps readiness aspect

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout your military service, you'll have many career development opportunities, including Religious Affairs resiliency training, professional development enhancement courses, and other activities determined by the Religious Affairs career field manager.

You'll earn college credit for on-the-job training through the Community College of the Air Force. Through a combination of training and off-duty college courses, you can earn an associate of applied science degree in your career field from a regionally accredited institution.





## READINESS

As an Airman, continued readiness is always your primary objective. You may be assigned, temporarily assigned or deployed to any one of the locations around the world with Air Force and Space Force personnel. You assist combat commanders and help maintain wartime military operations. Additionally, you may be called upon when natural disasters strike and the Air Force is tasked to provide humanitarian support.

## BENEFITS

Along with learning important job skills in the Air Force, you'll receive some great benefits:

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Comprehensive medical care for you and your dependents
- Tax-free food, clothing and housing allowances
- Use of base recreational and sports facilities
- Live, work and travel worldwide
- Generous retirement system with a Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above benefits are available to those serving full time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)



## **MULTIPLE WAYS TO SERVE**

You can choose one of several paths that allows you to serve your country either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our global Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today.

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